

Aid to Adoptive Children

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

This program provides financial assistance to adopting parents who would otherwise not be able to provide for a child's special needs. The children, on whose behalf monies are paid, are disadvantaged personally or physically handicapped, or are adolescents. This program enables hard to place children to be adopted and taken out of the higher cost Foster Care program. This budget is funded approximately 48% state and 36% federal, with the remaining mandated 16% local share funded with Realignment and local cost.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

BUDGET AND WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Estimate 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
Total Appropriation	15,186,707	17,152,146	19,827,085	25,193,425
Departmental Revenue	14,252,485	15,946,603	18,621,542	23,987,882
Local Cost	934,222	1,205,543	1,205,543	1,205,543

Workload Indicators

Cases Per Month	1,926	2,343	2,404	2,869
Average Monthly Aid	\$656	\$610	\$687	\$732

As a result of unanticipated program growth, expenditures in this program are projected to exceed budget by \$2,674,939. Budgeted annual cases in 2003-04 are 28,110, a 22% increase over 2002-03 annual cases. However, caseload has grown even faster in 2003-04, and is now expected to grow to 28,847 annual cases (a 25% increase over 2002-03).

Average grant amounts have also increased significantly. Due to the high cost of care for these special-needs children, the actual average monthly grant amounts are projected to be \$687 (a 5% increase over the prior fiscal year).

Actual annual caseload and average monthly grant increases are shown below:

Fiscal Year	Annual Cases	% Increase	Average Monthly Grant Amount	% Increase
2000-01	14,652		\$525	
2001-02	18,696	28%	\$611	16%
2002-03	23,112	24%	\$656	7%
2003-04	28,847	25%	\$687	5%

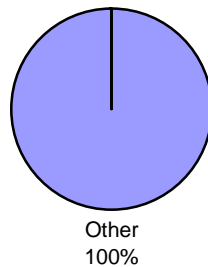
The growth in this program is attributed to State legislation, which became effective January 1, 2000, that encourages and promotes the adoption of children eligible for the program (AB 390). The legislation requires that the county provide prospective adoptive families with information on the availability of benefits, as well as reimbursement for nonrecurring expenses in the adoption of an eligible child. Additionally, there is no financial means test used to determine an adoptive family's eligibility for the program.

This program is approximately 84% funded with state and federal revenues, with a 16% local share. The local share is funded with a combination of Social Services Realignment and local cost.

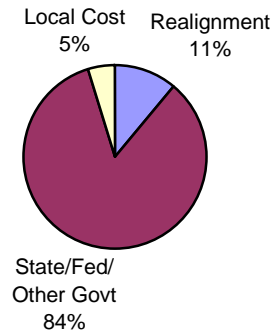


A Board Agenda Item was presented to the Board on April 20, 2004, which increased the 2003-04 budget appropriations \$2,674,939, state revenue \$1,332,501, federal revenue \$904,577 and Realignment \$437,861. The additional \$437,861 in Realignment will fund the increased local share required.

2004-05 BREAKDOWN BY EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY



2004-05 BREAKDOWN BY FINANCING SOURCE



GROUP: Human Services System
DEPARTMENT: Aid to Adoptive Children
FUND: General

BUDGET UNIT: AAB ATC
FUNCTION: Public Assistance
ACTIVITY: Aid Programs

ANALYSIS OF 2004-05 BUDGET

	A	B	C	D	E	B+C+D+E F	G Department Recommended Funded Adjustments (Schedule C)	F+G H
	2003-04 Year-End Estimates	2003-04 Final Budget	Cost to Maintain Current Program Services (Schedule A)	Board Approved Adjustments (Schedule A)	Impacts Due to State Budget Cuts (Schedule B)	Board Approved Base Budget		2004-05 Proposed Budget
Appropriation								
Other Charges	19,827,085	17,152,146	7,042,256	-	-	24,194,402	999,023	25,193,425
Total Appropriation	19,827,085	17,152,146	7,042,256	-	-	24,194,402	999,023	25,193,425
Departmental Revenue								
Realignment	1,978,773	1,540,912	1,095,495	-	-	2,636,407	133,834	2,770,241
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	16,642,769	14,405,691	5,946,761	-	-	20,352,452	865,189	21,217,641
Total Revenue	18,621,542	15,946,603	7,042,256	-	-	22,988,859	999,023	23,987,882
Local Cost	1,205,543	1,205,543	-	-	-	1,205,543	-	1,205,543

Continued growth in caseload and average grant amount is due to the success of legislation mentioned earlier.

Estimated expenditures in 2004-05 are based on an overall anticipated total annual cases of 34,426, a 19% increase over 2003-04. Average monthly grant amounts are projected to be \$732, a 6.5% increase over 2003-04.

Total local share required in 2004-05 is \$3,975,784. The general fund contributes \$1,205,543 and Social Services Realignment will fund \$2,770,241. This is an increase of \$1,229,329 in Realignment needed to fund local share over 2003-04.



DEPARTMENT: Aid to Adoptive Children
 FUND: General
 BUDGET UNIT: AAB ATC

SCHEDULE A

MAJOR CHANGES TO THE BUDGET

	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
2003-04 FINAL BUDGET	-	17,152,146	15,946,603	1,205,543
Cost to Maintain Current Program Services				
Salaries and Benefits Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Fund Adjustments	-	-	-	-
Prop 172	-	-	-	-
Other Required Adjustments	-	7,042,256	7,042,256	-
Subtotal	-	7,042,256	7,042,256	-
Board Approved Adjustments During 2003-04				
30% Spend Down Plan	-	-	-	-
Mid-Year Board Items	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-
Impacts Due to State Budget Cuts	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BASE BUDGET	-	24,194,402	22,988,859	1,205,543
Department Recommended Funded Adjustments	-	999,023	999,023	-
TOTAL 2004-05 PROPOSED BUDGET	-	25,193,425	23,987,882	1,205,543

SCHEDULE C

DEPARTMENT: Aid to Adoptive Children
 FUND: General
 BUDGET UNIT: AAB ATC

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED FUNDED ADJUSTMENTS

Brief Description of Program Adjustment	Budgeted Staffing	Appropriation	Departmental Revenue	Local Cost
Increase in the Aid to Adoptive Children program.	-	999,023	999,023	-
The Adoption Assistance program (AAP) is a Federal mandated program under the Federal Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, PL 96-272. Program administrators anticipate that the number of participants in this program will increase 530 participants during the Fiscal Year and 30 participants will leave the program because of age limits. Increased expenditures are due to increased participants and a projected 19% increase in the average monthly grant. This program is funded approximately 84% with state and federal revenues, with a 16% local share. The local share is funded with a combination of Social Services Realignment and local cost. HSS will fund the increase in 04/05 local share (\$133,834) with Social Services Realignment.				
Total	-	999,023	999,023	-

